

Ms. Haney's Kindergarten Class

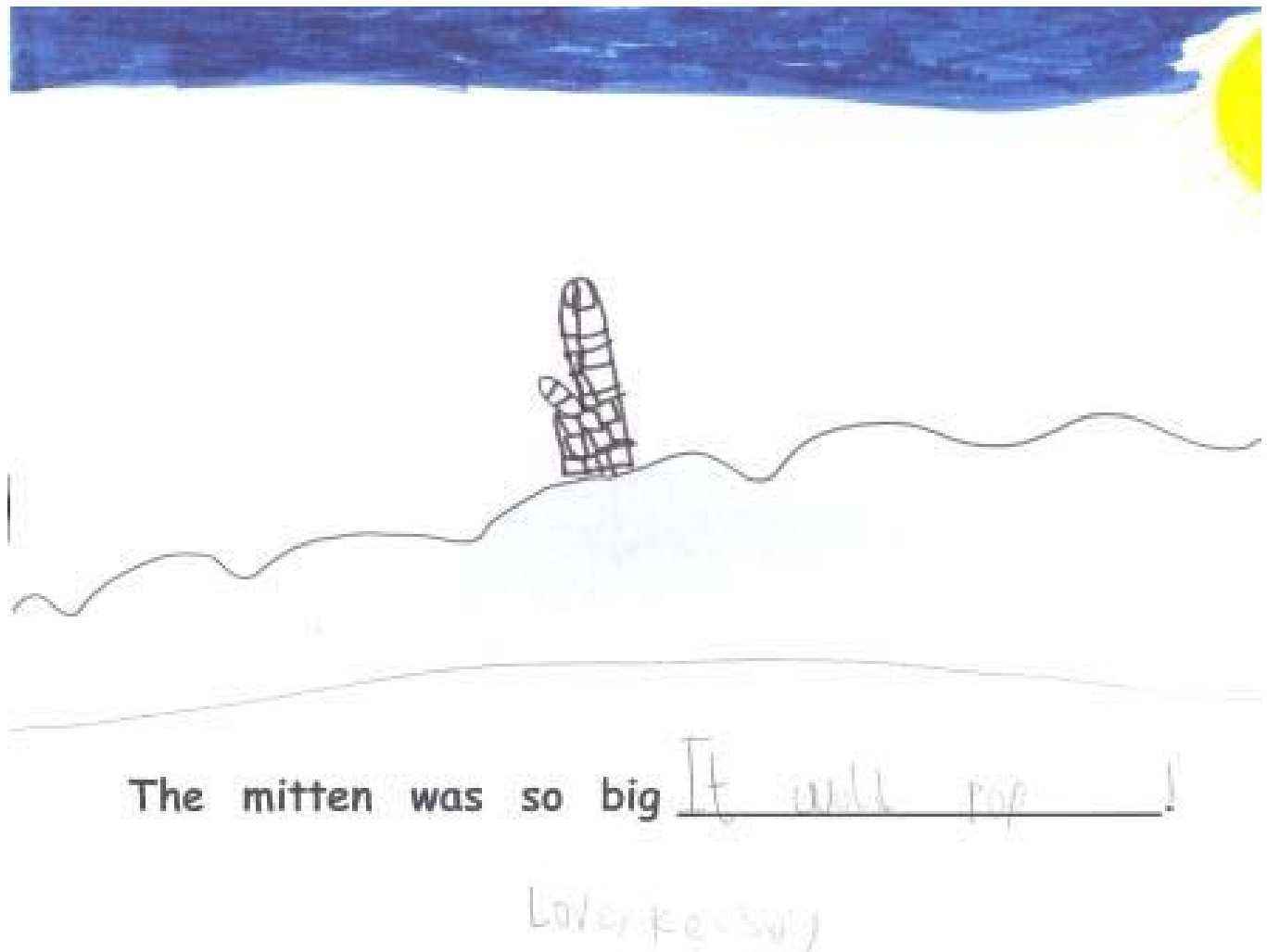
Mockingbird Elementary

Coppell, Texas

The Mitten, by Jan Brett

Read Aloud and Interactive:

As cold weather approached, kindergarten classrooms pulled out the Jan Brett books! I read *The Mitten* to the entire class after a picture walk. We then discussed the animals, their habitats and the reality of them all fitting into one small boy's mitten. The students finished with a text innovation about what would happen to the mitten if it were to get so big.



Dramatic Play:

Using Jan Brett's masks (from Jan Brett's website), my students retold the story of *The Mitten*. This was good practice in sequencing!

Science:

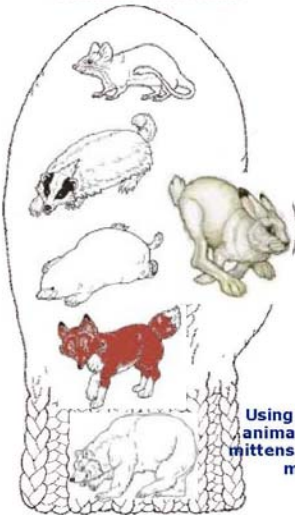
We played the Hokey Pokey putting various body parts in and out. After choosing our favorite animal, we played the Hokey Pokey again using their "animal" parts. We discovered not all of our animals had the same parts! If you have overly sensitive students, you may want to discuss ahead of time to choose an animal that has many parts. We then completed a double bubble map carefully choosing the parts all of our animals did have and then those that had wings.

As a follow up, we used Kidspiration to classify the Jan Brett animals in *The Mitten* by body parts.


As assessment, I had several different pictures of animals and children, as a group, classified them by body parts in hula hoops.

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Animals with Tails




Animals with Wings



Using the animal library, select animals and place in the correct mittens. Some animals may fit into more than one mitten!

Animals with Legs



Animals with Feathers

